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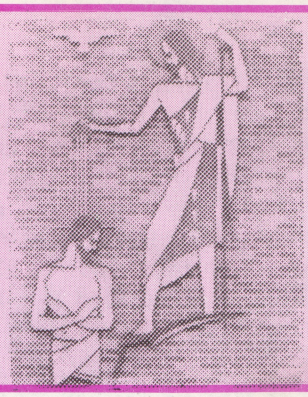

Advent - A Call to Action

by Sister Marilyn

What can I say to you!!!!

There are so many thoughts to be shared on this 3rd Sunday of Advent ... "**Rejoice Sunday.**"

I could tell you of the hours spent this week talking to so many of you who have responded to the Advent Call. I could tell you of the gift of yourself and your sharing with me. With each call or meeting I came away more filled of God because of you. I could tell you that you "enflesh" today's Advent readings because you are actually giving away your 2nd coat and you are actually reaching out in justice.

What can I say to you????

Maybe just this ... **The Lord is near, even in our midst, even in our very hearts.** We need however to take the time and the quiet to know this. Reread today's readings (see last page). Pray over them and take time to experience God's own peace proclaimed in Paul's letter. Ask yourself the question: "**What is real joy?**"

We do have cause to be full of joy even amid sorrow, pain and disappointment because their emphasis is not central to our lives ... **Jesus Christ is.**

Now and Then ...

by Father Doepker

Church Decorating

The annual church decorating party will be on Sunday, December 23, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and help beautify our church for Christmas. The "decorating bee" will conclude with a potluck supper at approximately 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass.

Baby-sitting will be provided during this period so everyone can come and enjoy the fellowship as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Christmas Flowers

Speaking of decorations, a few people have asked if they could donate a Christmas flower or help defray the cost of the church decorations.

We would prefer not to receive donations of flowers because not knowing how many we'd get or when we'd get them makes planning the decor too difficult.

However, money donations toward the cost of the flowers and the trees would be cheerfully and gratefully accepted. Just put the donation in an envelope, mark it "Christmas Flowers" and put it in the collection basket.

Parish Penance Service

Thursday, December 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Important Advent/Christmas Times and Dates

Confession Schedule

After Daily Masses from December 17-21

Saturday, December 22

9:30 to 10:30 a.m., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. After 5:00 p.m. Mass

Parish Penance Service

Thursday, December 23

7:30 p.m.

Christmas Church Decorating

Sunday, December 23

2:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule for

December 24

6:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy

12:00 Midnight

December 25

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

December 31

5:00 p.m.

January 1

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Catechumenate News

This past week nine adults were enrolled in our Catechumenate and their names have been written in the parish register. This means that they have taken the first public step in joining the Catholic Church. We welcome them with love and care as part of the household of Christ. As Catechumens they now have an official part in the Liturgy of the Word and are eligible for Christian marriage as well as other blessings and sacramentals.

They and their sponsors have completed seven weeks of study and prayer. Between now and Easter they will continue to

prepare to celebrate Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We want you to pray for them during this important time and do whatever you can to welcome them. The names of these people and their sponsors are:

Bill Weatherford - Kathleen Weatherford

William L. Smith - John Cameron

George Patterson - Jim Fulcher

Philip L. Paine - Karen Paine

David B. Paulson - Beverly K. Kemp

Sabrina Altermann - Leopoldo Abrego

Margaret R. Snider - Dennis M. Hakum

Debra A. Meier - Wayne C. Meier

Father Ed

New Life in Christ

On Sunday, December 9, 1979, 6 children entered the community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism administered by Father Doepker at the 12:30 p.m. Mass.

Laura Lee Blakemore is the daughter of Gary D. and Kathryn M. (Conley) Blakemore, 5813 Big Pine Drive. Her godparents are Ben and Adrienne Bailey.

James Gregory Doe is the son of Mark E. and Mary T. (L'Amoreaux) Doe, 1601 E. Forest. James' sponsors are Gregory Doe and Andrea Dillion.

Stephanie Christina Huntley is the daughter of Gary C. and Cheryl A. (Brazzil) Huntley, H-3 Pine Grove Terrace. Her sponsors in the faith are Patrick Brazzil and Colleen Battdorff.

Jennifer Katherine Tew is the daughter of Thomas F. and Carol A. (O'Connor) Tew, 1013 W. Cross. Jennifer's sponsors are Brian and Kathleen Bowne.

Mayette Shree and **John Carl** are the children of John C. Hughbanks and Marcia Wilson. Their sponsors are Geno Triggs and Joan Vawters.

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Also on Sunday, December 9, 1979, **Allison Ann Carr** entered into the life of the Lord through her Baptism administered by Father Doepker. She is the daughter of Michael E. and Heather A. (Underwood) Carr, 1937 Sheffield. Allison's sponsors in the faith are Thomas and Joan Finazzi.

May all those who have been enlightened by Christ grow and live in his life.

Intercessory Prayer

God indeed is our savior. We are confident and unafraid. Our strength and our courage is the Lord. With joy we will draw water at the fountain of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim his name among the nations, make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement, let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O people of St. John's. For great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Father, today we continue our time of preparation for the birthday of your Son. We ask you to bless us and hear our prayers.

We pray for our parish team, our commission heads, our spiritual leaders and teachers. Lord, make it a joy to serve you. May your will be done in our parish. Draw us closer to you.

We pray for our sick. Have mercy on us Lord. Take away our diseases. Let us praise our God for his love for us.

We pray for our newcomers. May we all join together in worship of our true God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords.

We pray for the poor, the rejected and those who have fallen away. Only you Lord are the hope of the world. That through prayer the poor become rich in you, the rejected are accepted and the fallen away return to your fold. Hear our prayer, Lord.

We pray for families. Heal broken homes. Unite families. Bring peace to those in need of peace. We pray for our dead. Lord, grant that they may have eternal rest forever in the radiance of your light.

Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights and see the joy that is coming to us from God. May his joy and peace be upon all of us now and forever.

Blessed be God
David Rocha

Fun & Fellowship Christmas Caroling Tonight

Come join us for an evening of old-fashioned Christmas caroling. Meet at the home of Mary Ann and Don Montie, 7 Greenside (corner of Edison) tonight at 6:00 p.m. Our plans are to carol around the Wallace and Pearl Street area. We will be leaving promptly at 6:15 p.m. and after caroling will return to the above address. We'll provide the hot chocolate and ask that you bring Christmas cookies or snacks. Children who wish to sing are welcome. Don't forget your flashlight. For further information call 434-0070.

Religious Article Shoppe

It is not too late to purchase Christmas Cards of the beautiful interior of our parish. Cards may be purchased in the Religious Article Shoppe after 5:00, 9:00 and 11:00 Masses at the small sum of 50¢ per box.

Christmas Broadcast

Amahl and the Night Visitors, by Gian Carlo Menotti, will be telecast nationally on PBS, December 22. Check local listings for times.

Anniversary Sunday

St. John's Parish Community would like to honor those members of our parish who are celebrating their 25th, 40th or 50th Wedding Anniversary. We are planning to hold a Mass in their honor followed by a reception on January 19th. If you are going to be celebrating one of those special anniversaries during 1980, please let Sister Paula (483-3360) or Natalie Bowyer (482-4742) know so that we can begin planning.

Dear Sister Paula
& Sister Marilyn,

I write this letter to you in deep thanks and gratitude for what you are doing for these people who are desperate. Your parishioners have shown interest and seem to be people who care. My prayer is that Jesus Christ will be lifted up and glorified in the Advent program. Raising consciousness is good, but I hope that the Lord Jesus will touch the hearts of the people to see him in their place. Perhaps we may see the satisfaction on their faces, but Oh to see the Master's face when He Himself is served.

The Ypsilanti Housing Commission extends their deep thanks and we here at the Corp add much thanks to a need's response as yours. Please feel free to give us feedback concerning the program and/or clients back to us if the response is not as hoped. We love you and are praying for Sunday, the Lord's day.

Again I thank you for the pleasure of being in your church last weekend. It was a joy to me and added to our friendship in Christ. Thanks, incidently for making me an honorary member of St. John's.

In Christian love,

John E. Getz

Mid-Winter Rummage Sale

Plans are under way for the 2nd annual mid-winter rummage sale which is to be held in the Hall of the Activities Center on Saturday, January 26, 1980.

Are you moving? Have you unwanted items? Furniture? Clothes? A cluttered basement or attic? Now is the time for us to dispose of such items by donating them to our mid-winter rummage sale. Please bring your unwanted items to the Activities Center. For more information, please phone: Stella Swope 483-0874 or Mil Kerner 482-9674.

The Mid-Winter Rummage Sale is being sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society so that the funds that are raised can be used to help those in need.

Baby-Sitting Services

Just a little note to remind you that baby-sitting services are available during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses each Sunday. You are encouraged to take advantage of this service so that other parishioners will not be distracted during Mass.

Blood Bank

Our parish representation at the blood bank held on November 12 was not very good. There were 65 pledges from the parish but only 25 people showed up at the clinic to give their blood. We would like to thank everyone who did participate in the blood bank by being donors or callers and give a nudge to everyone else to plan to participate in the next blood bank to be held in February.

Junior High Reconciliation, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Junior high students and their parents are reminded that we will offer the Sacrament of Penance this Tuesday. It will take place in the Activity Center of the Religious Education Center and begin at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be on time so that we might begin promptly.

We anticipate that we will be completed around 8:30 p.m. If you drop your youth off and come back to pick them up early, you may wait on the first floor.

The theme of the Penance Service will be how we can model our lives after the three great saints of Advent: Isaiah the prophet, John the Baptist, and Mary, the mother of God. We will read from the gospel of Luke and reflect on Jesus' call for us to live holy lives.

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Thank You ... to all who have helped with parish mailings and other clerical work during this holiday season. Very special thanks to Winifred Gladney, Gerri Muller, Imogene Malewitz, Marge Kamm, Edwina Lund, Virginia Svoboda, Donna Widmayer, Virginia Schmidt, Linda and Tillie Kramer, Monica Laurain, Kathy Herron, Jessie McConnell, Gilda Heider, Helen Birdsall and all other volunteers who have helped in many varied ways this year.

Registration or Address Change

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

Phone_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Moving from Parish
☐ Change of Address

Bows and Bouquets for ...

The adult leaders of the recent high school retreat weekend and the junior high day of reflection in December.

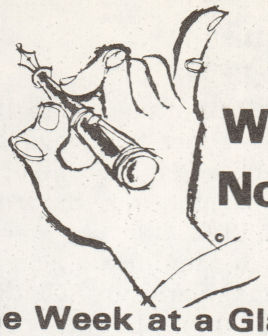
We wish to thank junior high catechists Coleen Coomes, Teresa McGowan and Ed Spitler for the presentations on December 2. Special gratitude goes toward our cooks: Mary Manchester, Karen Paine and Jan Cameron. Thelma Peper aided greatly by buying our food.

The yough ministry team of Jim and Ginny Abel, Pat Cunningham, Mike Quillan, Mark Pauze, and Rosemary Spitler, did an outstanding job of witnessing faith during last weekend to nineteen teens. Bob and Thelma Peper coordinated parent notes and drivers. Their support was invaluable. Special thanks to Jan Cameron who cooked for all of us. Our appreciation also goes to our intrepid drivers: Bob Svoboda, Alice Montie, Marv Johnson, Ed Spitler, George Patterson, William LaVoie and the Madrigals.

The appreciation of all also extends to the youth who participated in these experiences for their maturity, spirit and cooperation. Thanks to all of you for your prayers.

John Cameron

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.



Worth Noting

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 16
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Baby-sitting
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Coffee & Donuts, Harvey Hall
11:00 a.m. Preschool Religious Instruction

Monday, December 17
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Center Room 10 & 11
7:30 p.m. Adult Enrichment Class, Library
7:30 p.m. Worship Commission, Rectory

Tuesday, December 18
Bulletin goes to press AM
11:00 a.m. Team Liturgy Planning
4:00 -5:15 p.m. Grade 1-6 Religious Instruction
7:00 -8:15 p.m. Grade 7-8 Religious Instruction
7:00 p.m. Jr. High Penance Service
7:00 p.m. Marian Devotions (Rosary & Novena), Church
7:30 p.m. Liturgy Planning, Rectory
7:30 -9:30 p.m. Catechumenate, Center Library

Wednesday, December 19
10:00 -11:30 a.m. Adult Enrichment Class, Room 8, School
4:30 -5:45 p.m. Grade 1-6 Religious Instruction
6:30 p.m. Bingo, Harvey Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Loft

Thursday, December 20
1:00 p.m. Team Meeting, Rectory
7:30 p.m. Parish Communal Penance Service, Church

Friday, December 21
10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Mass in Church and Luncheon at Bill Knapps

Saturday, December 22
9:30 -10:30 a.m. Confessions Heard
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Practice, Christmas Children's Liturgy, Church
3:30 -4:30 p.m. Confessions Heard

Couple Communication

... is an investment in your relationship. It puts the emphasis on creating understanding with your partner, as it focuses on teaching skills for dealing more effectively with day to day concerns. Incidentally, this is not exclusively for married people but is for business partners, friends, or someone with whom you have a relationship.

The course is designed to help you sharpen your awareness, and thus help you to increase your ability to disseminate and exchange information with others as accurately as you can.

The next course is January 13 & 20, February 3 & 10, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at St. Francis in Ann Arbor. Call Del or Dom Bitondo, 971-4637. (The cost for this is very nominal and this will be the only announcement for this course.)

Invitations

** **New Year's Eve Party!!!** sponsored by Divorced Catholics. Champagne, punch, hors d'oeuvres, elegant dinner, champagne toast at midnight. Music - live and recorded. 3375 Burbank Dr., Ann Arbor, 9:00-1:00. Hostess is Ann-Marie Barnes. Call 769-2937 if interested in attending. Welcome in the 1980s! Everyone welcome!

** **Festival Christmas** ... A family Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 306 N. Division, Ann Arbor. Admission: $2 adults, $1 children and students.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, December 17 -
Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Joseph Vigo, req. by Rosemary Vigo

TUESDAY, December 18 -
Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Martha Murphy, req. by Jean Ostrander
2:30 p.m. Intention of Thomas Wilhelmi, req. by a Friend

WEDNESDAY, December 19 -
Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Darlie Weiler, req. by Raymond and Stella Doyon
9:00 a.m. Edward and Clara LeFevre, req. by the Family

THURSDAY, December 20 -
Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Frank Panek, req. by Mrs. Frank Panek
NO 12:15 p.m. MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, December 21 -
Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. Carl Houghs (2nd Anniv.), req. by his Wife
10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Mass

SATURDAY, December 22 -
Late Advent Weekday
9:00 a.m. Joseph Ferraro, req. by Hazel Ferraro
5:00 p.m. Parents of Charles and Dorothy Stein, req. by Charles & Dorothy Stein

SUNDAY, December 23 -
Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 a.m. Julia Conlon, req. by Matt Conlon
9:00 a.m. Catherine and Charles Seeger, req. by Marie and Adelaide Seeger
11:00 a.m. Alpha Hinsch, req. by Helen Hinsch
12:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Readings for December 16th - 23rd

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-24

Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Zep 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-45

Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Wedding Banns

I Michael McCully and Leanna Cimino

Financial Barometer

December 9, 1979

Sunday Collection $4,173.09
($58 short of budget)
Holy Day 920.43
This Year:
Amount Behind (12/3/79) 4,641.00
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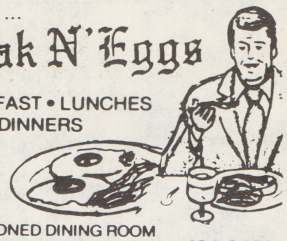
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